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PATENT APPLICATION

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In re application of

Masafumi KOIDE

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

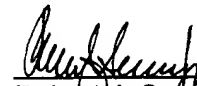
Please amend the claims as follows:

- Claim 4, line 1, delete "or 3".
- Claim 5, line 1, delete "any of claims 2 through 4" and insert --claim 2--.
- Claim 6, line 1, delete "any of claims 2 through 5" and insert --claim 2--.
- Claim 8, line 1, delete "any of claims 1 through 7" and insert --claim 1--.

REMARKS

The above claim amendments are made to remove the multiple dependencies from each claim and to avoid the government fee for multiple dependent claims. Entry and consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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